

# SOLUTIONS OF THE CUBIC FERMAT EQUATION IN QUADRATIC FIELDS

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**ABSTRACT.** We give necessary and sufficient conditions on a squarefree integer  $d$  for there to be non-trivial solutions to  $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ , conditional on the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture. These conditions are similar to those obtained by J. Tunnell in his solution to the congruent number problem.

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND STATEMENT OF RESULTS

The enigmatic claim of Fermat that the equation

$$x^n + y^n = z^n$$

has only the trivial solutions (those with at least one of  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  zero) in integers when  $n \geq 3$  has to a large extent shaped the development of number theory over the course of the last three hundred years. These developments culminated in the theory used by Andrew Wiles in [28] to finally justify Fermat's claim.

In light of Fermat's claim and Wiles's proof, it is natural to ask the following question: for which fields  $K$  does the equation  $x^n + y^n = z^n$  have a non-trivial solution in  $K$ ? Two notable results on this question are the following. In [16], it is shown that the equation  $x^n + y^n = z^n$  has no non-trivial solutions in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  provided  $n \geq 4$ . Their proof uses similar ingredients to Wiles's work.

In [10], Debarre and Klassen use Faltings's work on the rational points on subvarieties of abelian varieties to prove that for  $n \geq 3$  and  $n \neq 6$ , the equation  $x^n + y^n = z^n$  has only finitely many solutions  $(x, y, z)$  where the variables belong to any number field  $K$  with  $[K : \mathbb{Q}] \leq n - 2$ . Indeed, the work of Aigner shows that when  $n = 4$  the only non-trivial solution to  $x^n + y^n = z^n$  with  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  in any quadratic field is

$$\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{-7}}{2}\right)^4 + \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{-7}}{2}\right)^4 = 1^4,$$

and when  $n = 6$  or  $n = 9$ , there are no non-trivial solutions in quadratic fields.

We now turn to the problem of solutions to  $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$  in quadratic fields  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ . For some choices of  $d$  there are solutions, such as

$$(18 + 17\sqrt{2})^3 + (18 - 17\sqrt{2})^3 = 42^3$$

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for  $d = 2$ , while for other choices (such as  $d = 3$ ) there are no non-trivial solutions. In 1913, Fueter [11] showed that if  $d < 0$  and  $d \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , then there are no solutions if 3 does not divide the class number of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ . Fueter also proved in [12] that there is a non-trivial solution to  $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  if and only if there is one in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d})$ .

In 1915, Burnside [8] showed that every solution to  $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$  in a quadratic field takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} x &= -3 + \sqrt{-3(1 + 4k^3)}, \\ y &= -3 - \sqrt{-3(1 + 4k^3)}, \text{ and} \\ z &= 6k \end{aligned}$$

up to scaling. Here  $k$  is any rational number not equal to 0 or  $-1$ . This, however, does not answer the question of whether or not there are solutions in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  for given  $d$  since it is not clear whether

$$dy^2 = -3(1 + 4k^3)$$

has a solution with  $k$  and  $y$  both rational.

In a series of papers [1], [2], [3], [4], Aigner considered this problem (see [21], Chapter XIII, Section 10 for a discussion in English). He showed that there are no solutions in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d})$  if  $d > 0$ ,  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , and 3 does not divide the class number of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d})$ . He also developed general criteria to rule out the existence of a solution. In particular, there are “obstructing integers”  $k$  with the property that there are no solutions in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\pm d})$  if  $d = kR$ , where  $R$  is a product of primes congruent to 1 (mod 3) for which 2 is a cubic non-residue.

The goal of the present paper is to give a complete classification of the fields  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  in which  $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$  has a solution. Our main result is the following.

**Theorem 1.** *Assume the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture (see Section 2 for the statement and background). If  $d > 0$  is squarefree with  $\gcd(d, 3) = 1$ , then there is a non-trivial solution to  $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  if and only if*

$$\begin{aligned} \#\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 : x^2 + y^2 + 7z^2 + xz = d\} \\ = \#\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 : x^2 + 2y^4 + 4z^2 + xy + yz = d\}. \end{aligned}$$

*If  $d > 0$  is squarefree with  $3|d$ , then there is a non-trivial solution to  $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  if and only if*

$$\begin{aligned} \#\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 : x^2 + 3y^2 + 27z^2 = d/3\} \\ = \#\{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 : 3x^2 + 4y^2 + 7z^2 - 2yz = d/3\}. \end{aligned}$$

*Moreover, there are non-trivial solutions in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  if and only if there are non-trivial solutions in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-3d})$ .*

**Remark.** *Only one direction of our result is conditional on the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture. As mentioned in Section 2, it is known that if  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  is an elliptic curve,  $L(E, 1) \neq 0$  implies that  $E(\mathbb{Q})$  is finite. As a consequence, if the number of representations of  $d$  (respectively  $d/3$ ) by the two different quadratic forms are different, then there are no solutions in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ .*

Our method is similar to that used by Tunnell [26] in his solution to the congruent number problem. The congruent number problem is to determine, given a positive integer  $n$ , whether there is a right triangle with rational side lengths and area  $n$ . It can be shown that  $n$  is a congruent number if and only if the elliptic curve  $E_n : y^2 = x^3 - n^2x$  has positive rank. The Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer states that  $E_n$  has positive rank if and only if  $L(E_n, 1) \neq 0$ , and Waldspurger's theorem (roughly speaking) states that

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{1/4} \sqrt{L(E_n, 1)} q^n, \quad q = e^{2\pi iz}$$

is a weight  $3/2$  modular form. Tunnell computes this modular form explicitly as a difference of two weight  $3/2$  theta series and proves that (in the case that  $n$  is odd),  $E_n$  is congruent if and only if  $n$  has the same number of representations in the form  $x^2 + 4y^2 + 8z^2$  with  $z$  even as it does with  $z$  odd. Tunnell's work was used in [14] to determine precisely which integers  $n \leq 10^{12}$  are congruent (again assuming the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture).

**Remark.** *In [20], Soma Purkait computes two (different) weight  $3/2$  modular forms whose coefficients interpolate the central critical  $L$ -values of twists of  $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$  (see Proposition 8.7). Purkait expresses the first as a linear combination of 7 theta series, but does not express the second in terms of theta series.*

An outline of the paper is as follows. In Section 2 we will discuss the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture. In Section 3 we will develop the necessary background. This will be used in Section 4 to prove Theorem 1.

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## 2. ELLIPTIC CURVES AND THE BIRCH AND SWINNERTON-DYER CONJECTURE

The smooth, projective curve  $C : x^3 + y^3 = z^3$  is an elliptic curve. Specifically, if  $X = \frac{12z}{y+x}$  and  $Y = \frac{36(y-x)}{y+x}$ , then

$$E : Y^2 = X^3 - 432.$$

From Euler's proof of the  $n = 3$  case of Fermat's last theorem, it follows that the only rational points on  $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$  are  $(1 : 0 : 1)$ ,  $(0 : 1 : 1)$ , and  $(1 : -1 : 0)$ . These

correspond to the three-torsion points  $(12, -36)$ ,  $(12, 36)$ , and the point at infinity on  $E$ .

Suppose that  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  is a quadratic field and  $\sigma : K \rightarrow K$  is the automorphism given by  $\sigma(a + b\sqrt{d}) = a - b\sqrt{d}$  with  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ . If  $P = (x, y) \in E(K)$ , define  $\sigma(P) = (\sigma(x), \sigma(y)) \in E(K)$ . Then,  $Q = P - \sigma(P) \in E(K)$  and  $\sigma(Q) = -Q$ . Since the inverse of  $(x, y) \in E(K)$  is  $(x, -y)$ , it follows that  $P - \sigma(P) = (a, b\sqrt{d})$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Thus,  $(a, b)$  is a rational point on the quadratic twist  $E_d$  of  $E$ , given by

$$E_d : dY^2 = X^3 - 432.$$

**Lemma 2.** *The point  $(a, b)$  on  $E_d(\mathbb{Q})$  is in the torsion subgroup of  $E_d(\mathbb{Q})$  if and only if the corresponding solution to  $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$  is trivial.*

This lemma will be proven in Section 4. Thus, there is a non-trivial solution in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  if and only if  $E_d(\mathbb{Q})$  has positive rank.

If  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  is an elliptic curve, let

$$L(E, s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_n(E)}{n^s}$$

be its  $L$ -function (see [24], Appendix C, Section 16 for the precise definition). It is known (see [6]) that  $L(E, s) = L(f, s)$  for some weight 2 modular form  $f \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$ , where  $N$  is the conductor of  $E$ . It follows from this that  $L(E, s)$  has an analytic continuation and functional equation of the form

$$\Lambda(E, s) = (2\pi)^{-s} N^{s/2} \Gamma(s) L(E, s)$$

and  $\Lambda(E, s) = w_E \Lambda(E, 2 - s)$ , where  $w_E = \pm 1$  is the root number of  $E$ . Note that if  $w_E = -1$ , then  $L(E, 1) = 0$ . The weak Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture predicts that

$$\text{ord}_{s=1} L(E, s) = \text{rank}(E(\mathbb{Q})).$$

The strong form predicts that

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \frac{L(E, s)}{(s-1)^r} = \frac{\Omega(E) R(E/\mathbb{Q}) \prod_p c_p \# \text{III}(E/\mathbb{Q})}{(\#E_{\text{tors}})^2}.$$

Here,  $\Omega(E)$  is the real period of  $E$  times the number of connected components of  $E(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $R(E/\mathbb{Q})$  is the elliptic regulator, the  $c_p$  are the Tamagawa numbers, and  $\text{III}(E/\mathbb{Q})$  is the Shafarevich-Tate group.

Much is known about the Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer in the case when  $\text{ord}_{s=1} L(E, s)$  is 0 or 1. See for example [9], [13], [17], and [22]. The best known result currently is the following.

**Theorem 3** (Gross-Zagier, Kolyvagin, et. al.). *Suppose that  $E/\mathbb{Q}$  is an elliptic curve and  $\text{ord}_{s=1} L(E, s) = 0$  or 1. Then,  $\text{ord}_{s=1} L(E, s) = \text{rank}(E(\mathbb{Q}))$ .*

The work of Bump-Friedberg-Hoffstein [7] or Murty-Murty [18] is necessary to remove a condition imposed in the work of Gross-Zagier and Kolyvagin.

### 3. PRELIMINARIES

If  $d$  is an integer, let  $\chi_d$  denote the unique primitive Dirichlet character with the property that

$$\chi_d(p) = \left(\frac{d}{p}\right)$$

for all odd primes  $p$ . This character will be denoted by  $\chi_d(n) = \left(\frac{d}{n}\right)$ , even when  $n$  is not prime.

If  $\lambda$  is a positive integer, let  $M_{2\lambda}(\Gamma_0(N), \chi)$  denote the  $\mathbb{C}$ -vector space of modular forms of weight  $2\lambda$  for  $\Gamma_0(N)$  with character  $\chi$ , and  $S_{2\lambda}(\Gamma_0(N), \chi)$  denote the subspace of cusp forms. Similarly, if  $\lambda$  is a positive integer, let  $M_{\lambda+\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma_0(4N), \chi)$  denote the vector space of modular forms of weight  $\lambda + \frac{1}{2}$  on  $\Gamma_0(4N)$  with character  $\chi$  and  $S_{\lambda+\frac{1}{2}}(\Gamma_0(4N), \chi)$  denote the subspace of cusp forms. We will frequently use the following theorem of Sturm [25] to prove that two modular forms are equal.

**Theorem 4.** *Suppose that  $f(z) \in M_r(\Gamma_0(N), \chi)$  is a modular form of integer or half-integer weight with  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a(n)q^n$ . If  $a(n) = 0$  for  $n \leq \frac{r}{12}[\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) : \Gamma_0(N)]$ , then  $f(z) = 0$ .*

We denote by  $T_p$  the usual index  $p$  Hecke operator on  $M_{2\lambda}(\Gamma_0(N), \chi)$ , and by  $T_{p^2}$  the usual index  $p^2$  Hecke operator on  $M_{\lambda+1/2}(\Gamma_0(4N), \chi)$ .

Next, we recall the Shimura correspondence.

**Theorem 5** ([23]). *Suppose that  $f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n)q^n \in S_{\lambda+1/2}(\Gamma_0(4N), \chi)$ . For each squarefree integer  $t$ , let*

$$\mathcal{S}_t(f(z)) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{d|n} \chi(d) \left( \frac{(-1)^\lambda t}{d} \right) d^{\lambda-1} a(t(n/d)^2) \right) q^n.$$

*Then,  $\mathcal{S}_t(f(z)) \in M_{2\lambda}(\Gamma_0(2N), \chi^2)$ .*

One can show using the definition that if  $p$  is a prime and  $p \nmid 4tN$ , then

$$\mathcal{S}_t(f|T_{p^2}) = \mathcal{S}_t(f)|T_p,$$

that is, the Shimura correspondence commutes with the Hecke action.

In [27], Waldspurger relates the Fourier coefficients of a half-integer weight Hecke eigenform  $f$  with the central critical  $L$ -values of the twists of the corresponding integer weight modular form  $g$  with the same Hecke eigenvalues. To state it, let  $\mathbb{Q}_p$  be the usual field of  $p$ -adic numbers. Also, if

$$F(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A(n)q^n,$$

let  $(F \otimes \chi)(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A(n)\chi(n)q^n$ .

**Theorem 6** ([27], Corollaire 2, p. 379). *Suppose that  $f \in S_{\lambda+1/2}(\Gamma_0(4N), \chi)$  is a half-integer weight modular form and  $f|T_p = \lambda(p)f$  for all  $p \nmid 4N$ . Denote the Fourier expansion of  $f(z)$  by*

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a(n)q^n, \quad q = e^{2\pi iz}.$$

*If  $F(z) \in S_{2\lambda}(\Gamma_0(2N), \chi^2)$  is an integer weight modular form with  $F(z)|T_p = \lambda(p)g$  for all  $p \nmid 4N$  and  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are two squarefree positive integers with  $n_1/n_2 \in (\mathbb{Q}_p^\times)^2$  for all  $p|N$ , then*

$$a(n_1)^2 L(F \otimes \chi^{-1} \chi_{n_2 \cdot (-1)^\lambda}, \lambda) \chi(n_2/n_1) n_2^{\lambda-1/2} = a(n_2)^2 L(F \otimes \chi^{-1} \chi_{n_1 \cdot (-1)^\lambda}, \lambda) n_1^{\lambda-1/2}.$$

Our goal is to construct two modular forms  $f_1(z) \in S_{3/2}(\Gamma_0(108))$  and  $f_2(z) \in S_{3/2}(\Gamma_0(108), \chi_3)$  that have the same Hecke eigenvalues as

$$F(z) = q \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{3n})^2 (1 - q^{9n})^2 \in S_2(\Gamma_0(27)).$$

This is the weight 2 modular form corresponding to  $E_1 : y^2 = x^3 - 432$ . As in [26], we will express  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  as linear combinations of ternary theta functions. The next result recalls the modularity of the theta series of positive-definite quadratic forms.

**Theorem 7** (Theorem 10.9 of [15]). *Let  $A$  be a  $r \times r$  positive-definite symmetric matrix with integer entries and even diagonal entries. Let  $Q(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{2} \vec{x}^T A \vec{x}$ , and let*

$$\theta_Q(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_Q(n)q^n$$

*be the generating function for the number of representations of  $n$  by  $Q$ . Then,*

$$\theta_Q(z) \in M_{r/2}(\Gamma_0(N), \chi_{\det(2A)}),$$

*where  $N$  is the smallest positive integer so that  $NA^{-1}$  has integer entries and even diagonal entries.*

Finally, we require some facts about the root numbers of the curves  $E_d$ . If  $F(z) \in S_2(\Gamma_0(N))$  is the modular form corresponding to  $E$ , let  $F(z)|W(N) = N^{-1}z^{-2}f(-\frac{1}{Nz})$ . Then  $F(z)|W(N) = -w_E F(z)$  (see for example Theorem 7.2 of [15]). Theorem 7.5 of [15] states that if  $\psi$  is a quadratic Dirichlet character with conductor  $r$  and  $\gcd(r, N) = 1$ , then  $F \otimes \psi \in S_2(\Gamma_0(Nr^2))$  and

$$(F \otimes \psi)|W(Nr^2) = (\psi(N)\tau(\psi)^2/r)F|W(N)$$

where  $\tau(\psi) = \sum_{m=1}^r \psi(m)e^{2\pi im/r}$  is the usual Gauss sum.

Suppose  $d$  is an integer so that  $|d|$  is the conductor of  $\chi_d$  and  $F(z) \in S_2(\Gamma_0(27))$  is the modular form corresponding to  $E_1$ . Then  $F \otimes \chi_d$  is the modular form corresponding to  $E_d$ . Using the result from the previous paragraph and the equality  $\tau(\chi_d)^2 = |d|\chi_d(-1)$ , we get

$$w_{E_d} = w_{E_1}\chi_d(27)\chi_d(-1) = \chi_d(-27).$$

provided  $\gcd(d, 3) = 1$ .

#### 4. PROOFS

In this section, we prove Lemma 2 and Theorem 1.

Before we prove Lemma 2, we will first need to determine the order of torsion subgroup of  $E_d(\mathbb{Q})$ . First, note that  $6\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}$  and hence  $E_d(\mathbb{Q})$  has no element of order two. Since there are no elements of order 2 in  $E_d(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$ , then  $2 \nmid |E_d(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}|$ . We will now show  $q \nmid |E_d(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}|$  for primes  $q > 3$ .

If  $p$  is prime with  $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , then we have that the map  $x \rightarrow x^3 \in \mathbb{F}_p$  is a bijection. Since this is a bijection, we have that  $\sum_{x=0}^{p-1} \left(\frac{f(x)}{p}\right) = 0$ . Thus we have  $\#E(\mathbb{F}_p) = p + 1$ . Suppose that  $|E_d(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}| = N$  for  $N$  odd.

If we suppose that a prime  $q > 3$  divides  $N$  then we can find an integer  $x$  that is relatively prime to  $3q$  so that  $x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ . By Dirichlet's Theorem, we have an infinite number of primes contained in the arithmetic progression  $3nq + x$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If we take  $p$  to be a sufficiently large prime in this progression, then the reduction of  $E_d(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}} \subseteq E(\mathbb{F}_p)$  has order  $N$ . So, now we have  $q \mid |E_d(\mathbb{F}_p)| = p + 1 \equiv x + 1 \equiv 2 \pmod{q}$ . This is a contradiction. Hence the only prime that divides  $N$  is 3. We can follow a similar argument to show that 9 does not divide  $N$ . This means that the torsion subgroup of  $E_d(\mathbb{Q})$  is either  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  or trivial.

Futhermore, if  $E_d(\mathbb{Q})$  contains a point of order 3 then the  $x$ -coordinate of the point must be a root of the three-division polynomial  $\phi_3(x) = 3x^4 - 12(432)d^3x$ . The only real roots to  $\phi_3(x)$  are  $x = 0$  and  $x = 12d$ . For  $x = 0$ , then we have  $y = \pm 108$  and  $d = -3$ . Finally for  $x = 12d$ , then we find that  $y = 1296d^3$  and that  $d = 1$ . Thus we conclude that  $E_d(\mathbb{Q}) \cong \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  if and only if  $d \in \{1, -3\}$ . Finally, the torsion subgroup of  $E_d(\mathbb{Q})$  is trivial for  $d \notin \{1, -3\}$ .

*Proof of Lemma 2.* ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $(x, y) \in E_d(\mathbb{Q})$  so that  $(x, y)$  is not in  $E_d(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$ . By doing some arithmetic we get that  $(x, y\sqrt{d}) \in E(K)$ . In Section 2, we defined a map from  $C(K) \rightarrow E(K)$ . The inverse of this map sends

$$(x, y\sqrt{d}) \rightarrow \left( \frac{\frac{12}{x} + \frac{y\sqrt{d}}{3x}}{2}, \frac{\frac{12}{x} - \frac{y\sqrt{d}}{3x}}{2} \right) \in C(K).$$

If we suppose that this is a trivial solution to  $C$ , then either the  $x$ -coordinate or  $y$ -coordinate is zero. Hence  $y = \pm \frac{36\sqrt{d}}{d}$ .

If  $d = 1$ , then we have  $y = -36$  and  $x = 12$ . From Section 2, we know that  $(12, -36)$  corresponds to  $(1 : 0 : 1)$  which is a trivial solution to  $C$ . Hence the point  $(x, y)$  does not satisfy the hypothesis for  $d = 1$ . Now for  $d \neq 1$ , we have  $y \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . This contradicts the hypothesis for  $d \neq 1$ . Hence the solution we have is non-trivial.

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $(x, y, z)$  be a non-trivial solution to  $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$  in  $K$ . Note that for  $d = 1$  or  $-3$  Euler showed that there are only trivial solutions and thus this direction is vacuously true for these two cases.

For  $d \neq 1$  and  $-3$ , from Section 2 we showed that  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (X, Y) = P \in E(K)$ . Also from section 2, if  $P - \sigma(P) = (a, b\sqrt{d})$  then  $(a, b) \in E_d(\mathbb{Q})$ . Since  $d \neq 1$  and  $-3$ , then the torsion subgroup of  $E_d(\mathbb{Q})$  is trivial. Thus  $(a, b) \notin E_d(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$ .  $\square$

Recall from Section 3 that the elliptic curve  $E$  corresponds to the modular form  $F(z) = q \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} (1 - q^{3n})^2 (1 - q^{9n})^2 \in S_2(\Gamma_0(27))$ .

**Remark.** For convenience we will think of  $F(z)$  as a Fourier series with coefficients  $\lambda(n)$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that if  $\lambda(n) \neq 0$  then  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . So we can write  $\lambda(n) = \lambda(n)(\frac{n}{3})$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Hence  $F \otimes \chi_{-3d} = F \otimes \chi_d$ . We can now conclude that  $L(E_d, 1) = L(E_{-3d}, 1)$ .

*Proof of Theorem 1.* To begin we will examine the case for  $d < 0$  so that  $d \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Note that  $\dim S_{3/2}(\Gamma_0(108), \chi_1) = 5$ . Moreover, we have the following basis of  $S_{3/2}(\Gamma_0(108), \chi_1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} g_1(z) &= q - q^{10} - q^{16} - q^{19} - q^{22} + 2q^{28} + \dots, \\ g_2(z) &= q^2 - q^5 + q^8 - q^{11} + q^{14} - 2q^{17} - q^{20} + \dots, \\ g_3(z) &= q^3 - 2q^{12} + \dots, \\ g_4(z) &= q^4 - q^{10} + q^{13} - q^{16} - q^{19} - q^{22} - q^{25} + q^{28} + \dots, \text{ and} \\ g_5(z) &= q^7 - q^{10} + q^{13} - q^{16} - q^{22} - q^{25} + \dots. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 4 we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_1(g_1(z) + g_4(z)) &= F(z) + F(z)|V(2), \\ \mathcal{S}_2(g_1(z) + g_4(z)) &= 0, \\ \mathcal{S}_3(g_1(z) + g_4(z)) &= 0, \\ \mathcal{S}_1(g_1(z) + g_5(z)) &= F(z), \\ \mathcal{S}_2(g_1(z) + g_5(z)) &= 0, \text{ and} \\ \mathcal{S}_3(g_1(z) + g_5(z)) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Since we took  $t = 1, 2$ , and  $3$ , then from Section 2 we have  $\mathcal{S}_t((g_1(z) + g_4(z))|T_{p^2}) = \mathcal{S}_t((g_1(z) + g_4(z))|T(p))$  for all primes  $p > 3$ . Since  $F(z)$  and  $F(z)|V(2)$  are both Hecke eigenforms, then  $F(z)|T(p) = \lambda(p)F(z)$  and  $F(z)|V(2)|T(p) = \lambda(p)F(z)|V(2)$  for primes  $p > 3$ . Also, since  $1, 2$  and  $3$  divide  $4N$ , then we have  $(g_1(z) + g_4(z))|T_{p^2} -$



$\lambda(p)(g_1(z) + g_4(z))$  is in:  $\ker(\mathcal{S}_1)$ ,  $\ker(\mathcal{S}_2)$ , and  $\ker(\mathcal{S}_3)$ . Furthermore since  $\ker(\mathcal{S}_1) \cap \ker(\mathcal{S}_2) \cap \ker(\mathcal{S}_3) = 0$ , then  $g_1(z) + g_4(z)$  is a Hecke eigenform. The case of  $g_1(z) + g_5(z)$  is similar.

We will now take the quadratic forms  $Q_1(x, y, z) = x^2 + 3y^2 + 27z^2$  and  $Q_2(x, y, z) = 3x^2 + 4y^2 - 2yz + 7z^2$ . We have their theta-series  $\theta_{Q_1}, \theta_{Q_2} \in M_{3/2}(\Gamma_0(108), \chi_1)$ . Also by Theorem 4, we have

$$\theta_{Q_1}(z) - \theta_{Q_2}(z) = -2(g_1(z) + g_5(z)) + 4(g_1(z) + g_4(z)).$$

Furthermore, since  $g_1(z) + g_4(z)$  and  $g_1(z) + g_5(z)$  are both Hecke eigenforms with the same eigenvalues then  $\theta_{Q_1}(z) - \theta_{Q_2}(z)$  is a Hecke eigenform as well.

Let  $a(n)$  denote the  $n$ -th coefficient of  $\theta_{Q_1}(z) - \theta_{Q_2}(z)$ . By Theorem 6, we have

$$L(E_{-n_2}, 1) = \sqrt{\frac{n_2}{n_1}} \left( \frac{a(n_2)}{a(n_1)} \right)^2 L(E_{-n_1}, 1)$$

for  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  squarefree with  $\left(\frac{n_1/n_2}{p}\right) = 1$  for  $p = 3$  and  $n_1/n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ . If we take  $n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , then the table below covers all possible cases.

$n_2$	$n_1$	$a(n_1)$	$L(E_{-n_1}, 1)$
$n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{24}$	1	2	1.52995...
$n_2 \equiv 34 \pmod{48}$	34	4	1.04953...
$n_2 \equiv 19 \pmod{24}$	19	-6	0.70199...
$n_2 \equiv 13 \pmod{24}$	13	2	0.42434...
$n_2 \equiv 22 \pmod{48}$	22	-4	1.30474...
$n_2 \equiv 7 \pmod{24}$	7	-2	1.15653...
$n_2 \equiv 10 \pmod{36}$	10	-4	1.93525...
$n_2 \equiv 46 \pmod{48}$	46	4	0.90231...

Thus we have  $d < 0$  with  $d \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $L(E_d, 1) = 0$  if and only if  $a(-d) = 0$ . Since  $L(E_{3n_2}, 1) = L(E_{-n_2}, 1)$  then we have  $d > 0$  so that  $d \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$  and  $L(E_d, 1) = 0$  if and only if  $a(d/3) = 0$ .

We will now examine the case  $d < 0$  so that  $3|d$  and  $d \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$ . Note that  $\dim S_{3/2}(\Gamma_0(108), \chi_3) = 5$ , and we have the basis:

$$\begin{aligned} h_1(z) &= q - 2q^{13} - q^{25} - 2q^{28} + \cdots, \\ h_2(z) &= q^2 + q^5 - q^8 - q^{11} - q^{14} - q^{20} - 2q^{23} + 2q^{26} + \cdots, \\ h_3(z) &= q^4 - q^{13} - 2q^{16} + 2q^{25} - q^{28} + \cdots, \\ h_4(z) &= q^7 - q^{13} - q^{19} + \cdots, \text{ and} \\ h_5(z) &= q^{10} - q^{16} - q^{19} - q^{22} + q^{25} + \cdots. \end{aligned}$$

By Theorem 4, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{S}_1(h_1(z) - h_4(z) + 2h_5(z)) &= F(z), \\
\mathcal{S}_2(h_1(z) - h_4(z) + 2h_5(z)) &= 0, \\
\mathcal{S}_3(h_1(z) - h_4(z) + 2h_5(z)) &= 0, \\
\mathcal{S}_1(h_1(z) - 4h_3(z) - 5h_4(z) + 10h_5(z)) &= F(z) + 4F(z)|V(2), \\
\mathcal{S}_2(h_1(z) - 4h_3(z) - 5h_4(z) + 10h_5(z)) &= 0, \text{ and} \\
\mathcal{S}_3(h_1(z) - 4h_3(z) - 5h_4(z) + 10h_5(z)) &= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

From a similar argument as the previous case, we get that  $h_1(z) - h_4(z) + 2h_5(z)$  and  $h_1(z) - 4h_3(z) - 5h_4(z) + 10h_5(z)$  are Hecke eigenforms for  $T(p^2)$  for primes  $p > 3$ . We will now take the quadratic forms  $Q_3(x, y, z) = x^2 + y^2 + 7z^2 + xz$  and  $Q_4(x, y, z) = x^2 + 2y^2 + 4z^2 + xy + yz$ .

We will denote the theta series corresponding to  $Q_3$  and  $Q_4$  by  $\theta_{Q_3}$  and  $\theta_{Q_4}$ , respectively. Note that  $\theta_{Q_3}, \theta_{Q_4} \in M_{3/2}(\Gamma_0(108), \chi_3)$ . By Theorem 4,  $\theta_{Q_3} - \theta_{Q_4} = 2h_1(z) - 4h_3(z) - 6h_4(z) + 12h_5(z)$ . Since  $h_1(z) - h_4(z) + 2h_5(z)$  and  $h_1(z) - 4h_3(z) - 5h_4(z) + 10h_5(z)$  have the same eigenvalues,  $\theta_{Q_3} - \theta_{Q_4}$  is a Hecke eigenform. Let  $b(n)$  denote the  $n$ -th coefficient of  $\theta_{Q_3} - \theta_{Q_4}$ .

Hence by Theorem 6, we have

$$L(E_{-3n_2}, 1) = \sqrt{\frac{n_2}{n_1}} \left( \frac{b(n_2)}{b(n_1)} \right)^2 L(E_{-3n_1}, 1).$$

$n_2$	$n_1$	$b(n_1)$	$L(E_{-3n_1}, 1)$
$n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{24}$	1	2	0.58887...
$n_2 \equiv 34 \pmod{48}$	34	12	1.81785...
$n_2 \equiv 19 \pmod{24}$	19	-6	0.60794...
$n_2 \equiv 13 \pmod{24}$	13	6	1.46993...
$n_2 \equiv 22 \pmod{48}$	22	-12	2.25989...
$n_2 \equiv 7 \pmod{24}$	7	-6	1.00159...
$n_2 \equiv 10 \pmod{36}$	10	12	3.35196...
$n_2 \equiv 46 \pmod{48}$	46	-12	1.56286...

Therefore if  $d < 0$  and  $d \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$ ,  $L(E_d, 1) = 0$  if and only if  $b(-d/3) = 0$ . Furthermore by the remark, we have

$$L(E_{n_2}, 1) = \sqrt{\frac{n_2}{n_1}} \left( \frac{b(n_2)}{b(n_1)} \right)^2 L(E_{-3n_1}, 1)$$

for  $n_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Thus for squarefree  $d > 0$  so that  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ ,  $L(E_d, 1) = 0$  if and only if  $b(d) = 0$ .

There are two pairs of cases that Theorem 6 does not handle:  $d > 0$  with  $d \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$  and  $d < 0$  with  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , and  $d > 0$  with  $d \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $d < 0$  with  $d \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$ .

We will now consider  $d > 0$  with  $d \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . To handle this case, we will show that the root number of  $E_d$  is  $-1$ . Recall from the end of Section 3 that  $w_{E_d} = \chi_d(-27)$ . Hence  $w_{E_d} = \chi_d(-27) = \left(\frac{d}{-27}\right) = -1$ . Furthermore, by the remark we have  $w_{E_d} = -1$  for  $d < 0$  so that  $d \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$ .

We now want to show that there are no non-trivial solutions for  $d > 0$  with  $d \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$ . To do this, we will show that  $x^2 + 3y^2 + 27z^2 = 3x^2 + 4y^2 - 2yz + 7y^2 \neq d$ . Since  $d > 0$  then  $-d/3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . This means that  $x^2 + 3y^2 + 27z^2 \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{3}$ . We also have that  $3x^2 + 4y^2 - 2yz + 7z^2 \equiv (y + 2z)^2 \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{3}$ . Hence  $r_{Q_1}(d) = r_{Q_2}(d) = 0$ .

Let  $\psi$  be the non-trivial Dirichlet character with modulus 3. Note that  $(\theta_{Q_3}(z) - \theta_{Q_4}) \otimes \psi \in M_{3/2}(\Gamma_0(108 * 3^2), \chi_3 \psi^2)$  by Proposition 3.12 in [19]. By Theorem 4,  $(\theta_{Q_3}(z) - \theta_{Q_4}) \otimes \psi = \theta_{Q_3}(z) - \theta_{Q_4}(z)$ . So  $b(n)\psi(n) = b(n)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . If  $d \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , we have that  $\psi(d) = -1$ . Thus  $b(d) = -b(d)$ . Therefore  $b(d) = 0$ . Thus  $r_{Q_3}(d) = r_{Q_4}(d)$  for  $d \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

Hence we have shown that by checking the number of solutions of the pair of equations  $x^2 + y^2 + 7z^2 + xz$  and  $x^2 + 2y^2 + 4z^2 + xy + yz$ , and  $x^2 + 3y^2 + 27z^2$  and  $3x^2 + 4y^2 + 7z^2 - 2yz$  is sufficient to determine when there are non-trivial solutions to  $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ .  $\square$

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